

DOCJT Receives Prestigious IACET Accreditation

On Oct. 31, DOCJT was awarded the prestigious Authorized Provider accreditation from IACET, meeting a national standard for best practices in adult continuing education and commitment to excellence in educational rigor and integrity. The accreditation period extends five years and includes all programs offered or created during that time.

“We are pleased to begin our relationship with DOCJT as an Authorized Provider,” said Kristopher J. Newbauer, president of IACET and director of Learning and Organization Development at Rotary International in Evanston, Ill. “DOCJT joins nearly 650 organizations around the globe that have had their programs vetted by third-party experts in continuing education to ensure the highest possible standards are met.”

“The distinction of holding these two third-party accreditations speaks volumes to the dedication, professionalism and ingenuity of our instructors and staff,” Dr. Bizzack said. “Those same qualities are instilled in every student who emerges from our academy, providing the commonwealth with the most professionally trained officers and dispatchers in the nation.”

DOCJT annually trains more than 10,000 Kentucky law enforcement and public safety dispatch personnel. In 2012, DOCJT provided 616,680 hours of training.

The IACET accreditation process focused on 10 nationally recognized standard categories, including:

- Continuing education and training organization,
- Responsibility and control,
- Learning environments and support systems,
- Planning for learning events
- Learning outcomes,
- Planning and instructional personnel,
- Content and instructional methods,
- Assessment of learning outcomes,
- System for awarding continuing education credits,
- Program evaluation.

“Our entire curriculum base was evaluated by IACET,” explained DOCJT Training Director Chuck Melville. “We were not going to be hit or miss; it was either all or nothing.”

The IACET multi-faceted evaluation assessed both the basic and advanced individual training in the areas of law enforcement and public safety dispatch, which also includes the leadership training provided through the Kentucky Leadership Institute.

“What’s particularly impressive to me about this organization is pairing an already CALEA accredited status – which has to do with law enforcement – with a third-party independent accreditation – which has to do with continuing education and training. Those two together, I think, make a fabulous statement,” said IACET Commissioner and On-site Evaluator Susan McFadden during DOCJT’s on-site evaluation.

The Department of Criminal Justice Training, a state agency located on Eastern Kentucky University’s campus, provides basic training for city and county police officers, sheriffs’ deputies, university police, airport police, 911 dispatchers and others. The agency also provides in-service and leadership training for Kentucky law enforcement officers and public safety dispatch personnel.